

REMARKS

I. Provisional Nonstatutory Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 32-40 are currently pending in the application. In the Final Office action, claims 32-40 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-58 of U.S. patent No. 6,641,507 and claims 1-73 of U.S. patent No. 6,557,679.

In regard to U.S. patent No. 6,557,679, Applicant filed a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c) on May 24, 2005, that was approved on the same day. A copy has been enclosed for the Examiner's review. A terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.321(c), regarding U.S. patent No. 6,641,507, is also enclosed herewith to overcome the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 32-40. Therefore, it is believed that claims 32-40 are in form for allowance, and such indication is respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

For at least the reasons discussed herein, it is believed that all pending claims are in form for allowance, and such indication is respectfully requested.

Since the fee for the terminal disclaimer related to the U.S. patent No. 6,557,679 was previously paid, please charge Deposit Account No. 04-1415 in the amount of \$130.00 for the terminal disclaimer fee related to the U.S. patent No. 6,641,507. It is believed no further petitions or fees are due with respect to filing of this Response. Should any such petitions or fees be necessary, however, please consider this a request therefor and authorization to charge Deposit account No. 04-1415 accordingly. Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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